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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement with the claims and abstract of 19 copending applications attached.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with twenty six (26) references.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing twenty-six (26) references that are also enclosed. Applicant also desires to bring the following list of copending applications to the Examiner's attention. The specifications of the copending applications are similar to the above-referenced application; thus, Applicant has enclosed the claims and abstract of the copending applications. If the Examiner would like Applicant to submit complete copies of the copending applications, please contact the Applicant's attorney, at (949) 721-2988 or at the number below. The copending applications are as follows:

- 10/060,930, filed on January 29, 2002, Thomas R. Ulrich et al. (BSTOR.022A)
- 10/060,879, filed on January 29, 2002, Thomas R. Ulrich et al. (BSTOR.023A)
- 10/060,947, filed on January 29, 2002, Thomas R. Ulrich et al. (BSTOR.025A)
- 10/060,920, filed on January 29, 2002, Thomas R. Ulrich et al. (BSTOR.026A)
- 10/060,918, filed on January 29, 2002, Thomas R. Ulrich et al. (BSTOR.027A)
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